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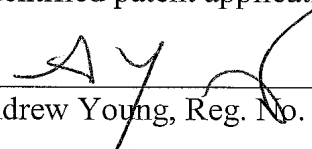
**STATUS INQUIRY**

Sir:

A response to the Office Action of 5/11/06 was filed timely on 5/19/2006 by first class mail, and evidence of the same is noted within the Private PAIR system records of the USPTO. This response was a request for a complete office action, and included proof of the earlier entry of our substitute specification and preliminary amendment placing the application in condition for full examination (The office action of 5/11/06 only acted on the first preliminary amendment and translation filed and was therefore improper).

To date we have not received the acknowledgment postcard or further notice of the status of this matter. The response was complete and included proper requests and enclosures. On June 19, 2006, the undersigned spoke briefly with the Examiner noting the circumstance and earlier filed request for response.

Please advise the undersigned the status of the above-identified patent application.

  
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Date: **December 7, 2006**

Enclosures: (as listed on the transmittal letter)